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Maryland Man Admits Fraud on Hospital

WASHINGTON - Ademola Adeptu, 24, of Springdale, Maryland, pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips, Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey W. Irvine of the United States Secret Service, Washington Field Office, and Chief Cathy Lanier of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. Adeptu is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Paul L. Friedman on February 10, 2010, and could face up to 10 years in prison, although a sentence of less than sixteen months incarceration is likely under applicable sentencing guidelines.

According to the factual proffer agreed to by Adeptu, between August 2008 and April 2009, Adeptu worked in the finance department of the Children's National Medical Center (hereinafter "Children's"). During that time, Adeptu submitted six false invoices claiming payment due in the amount of \$95,420 for medical services rendered to Children's. When the first three checks from Children's could not be cashed because of the payee he had selected, Adeptu changed the payee on the false invoices to a corporate account to which he had access. Using this method, Adeptu was able to cash two checks from Children's totaling \$42,390. Among other items, Adeptu purchased a 2002 Land Rover, Freelander SE with the proceeds of his crime.

In announcing the guilty plea, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips, Special Agent in Charge Irvine, and Chief Lanier praised the hard work of Secret Service Special Agent Kevin Rylach and Metropolitan Police Department Detective Richard Espinosa. They also acknowledged the efforts of Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Zeno, who is prosecuting this case, with the assistance of Paralegal Specialist Carolyn Cody.

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